

REMARKS

Claims 16-42 and 44-48 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-15 and 43 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 49-64 are new, of which claims 49, 62, 63, and 64 are independent in form. No new matter has been added.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview of October 15, 2009. Applicants wished to discuss the art cited in the current Office Action, as well as clarification as to the "Requirement for Information" included in the current Office Action. The Examiner provided the clarification necessary to allow Applicants to respond in full to the Requirement, by indicating which contextual information was necessary to facilitate consideration of the information disclosure statement submitted March 10, 2008.

REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

A Requirement for Information under 37 CFR 1.105 was included in the present Office Action, as regards the IDS submitted March 10, 2008. Applicants respond as follows:

- *State whether any search of prior art was performed.*

Applicants have not performed a formal prior art search. However, many of the references included in the IDS were initially cited by the USPTO or a foreign patent office, during examination of this or other patent applications.

- *Cite with specificity the relevant passages of the cited art.*

Applicants have made a good faith effort to obtain this information, and have included the results as an attachment to this Response. References are presented in the same order as the IDS of March 10, 2008. Common assignment/ownership of patents or pending applications is also noted. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' representative directly, if additional information in Applicants' possession is required.

35 USC § 102(e) REJECTIONS

Claims 16-42 and 44-48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Downs et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,226,618 B1.

As these claims have been canceled, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn as moot.

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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